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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE RESPONSE ON KOSOVO STATUS

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Classified By: Ambassador Kristie A. Kenney, Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

Ambassador raised the issue of Kosovo's status on January 9 with Acting Foreign Secretary Enrique Manalo, outlining that the time has come to solve the issue of Kosovo's status, and that the plan developed initially under the direction of UN Special Envoy Martti Ahtisaari (the "Ahtisaari Plan") offered the best hope of long-term stability in the region. Acting Foreign Secretary Manalo promised to give the matter careful consideration. Poloffs also met with working-level contacts at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and outlined reftel B demarche points. Post will continue to follow up with DFAT to press for a positive outcome.
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